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## NWT Labour Force Activity - July 2013 -

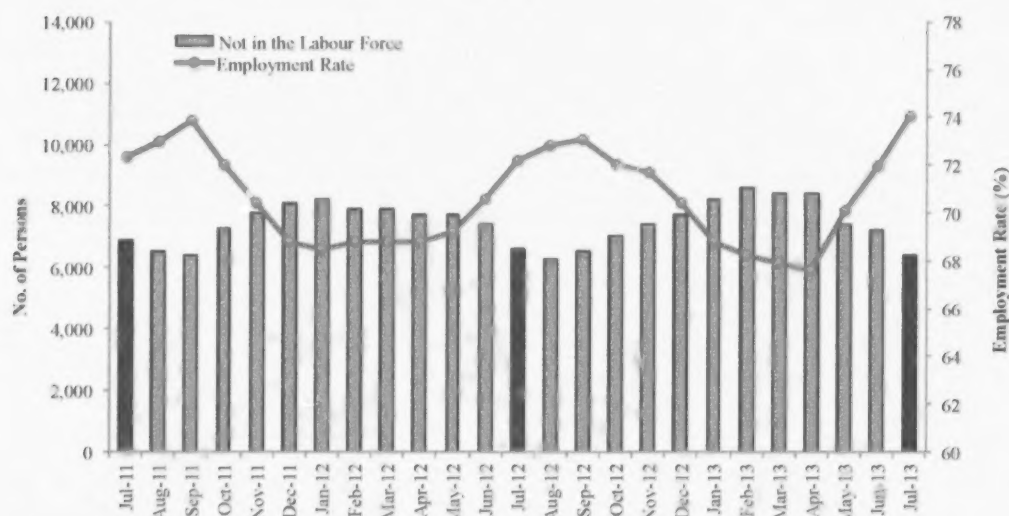
In July 2013, Statistics Canada estimates that 23,600 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 74.0%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 62.8%.

**Table 1 Monthly Highlights**  
*Northwest Territories, July 2013*

The July employment rate represents the highest level in the NWT since October 2007. At 74.0%, the employment rate rose by 2.1 percentage points from June, the third consecutive monthly increase since the normal decline in employment during the winter months (Figure 1). The increase translates into 600 more employed persons in the NWT compared to the previous month.

	Jul-13	Jun-13	Jul-12
Population	31,900	32,000	32,000
Labour Force	25,500	24,800	25,400
Employed	23,600	23,000	23,100
Unemployed	1,900	1,800	2,300
Not in Labour Force	6,400	7,200	6,600
Participation (%)	79.9	77.5	79.4
Employment (%)	74.0	71.9	72.2
Unemployment (%)	7.5	7.3	9.1

**Figure 1** *Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rates*  
*Northwest Territories, 2011-2013*



The number of employed persons and the employment rate increased for all key characteristics between June and July 2013 (Table 2). Most notably, the youth employment rate rose by 6.8 percentage points. Male and aboriginal rates increased by 3.0 and 2.7 percentage points respectively and the employment rate in Yellowknife increased by 1.4%.

**Table 2** *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics  
Northwest Territories*

	Jul-13		Jun-13		May-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	23,600	74.0	23,000	71.9	22,500	70.1
15-24 Yrs.	3,500	53.8	3,100	47.0	2,900	43.9
25 Yrs. & Over	20,100	79.1	19,900	78.3	19,600	76.9
Males	12,400	74.7	11,900	71.7	11,800	71.1
Females	11,200	72.7	11,100	72.1	10,700	69.5
Aboriginal	8,100	57.4	7,600	54.7	7,400	52.1
Non-Aboriginal	15,500	80.6	15,400	85.1	15,100	84.8
Yellowknife	13,500	83.3	13,100	81.9	12,800	81.0
Other	10,100	64.3	9,900	61.9	9,700	59.5

Between June and July, the overall employment gain was mainly due to increases in full-time employment in the service-producing sector (Table 3). The 600 person total increase was split between the public sector (300), the private sector (200), and the self-employed (100).

**Table 3** *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics  
Northwest Territories, July 2013*

	Jul-13	Jun-13	Jul-12	Jun-13 to Jul-13	Jul-12 to Jul-13
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	23,600	23,000	23,100	600	500
Full-time	21,300	20,600	20,800	700	500
Part-time	2,300	2,400	2,300	(100)	-
Employees	21,600	21,100	21,900	500	(300)
Public	10,300	10,000	11,300	300	(1,000)
Private	11,300	11,100	10,600	200	700
Self-employment	2,000	1,900	1,200	100	800
Goods Producing	4,100	3,900	3,600	200	500
Service Producing	19,500	19,100	19,500	400	-

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

**Table 4**      *Labour Force Activity  
Northwest Territories*

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Aug-12	32,000	25,700	23,300	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.9	72.8
Previous Years:								
Jul-12	32,000	25,400	23,100	2,300	6,600	79.4	9.1	72.2
Jul-11	32,100	25,200	23,200	2,100	6,900	78.5	8.3	72.3
Jul-10	32,300	24,100	22,000	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.7	68.1
Jul-09	32,200	23,000	21,400	1,600	9,200	71.4	7.0	66.5
Jul-08	32,100	24,800	22,900	2,000	7,300	77.3	8.1	71.3
Jul-07	31,800	25,300	23,700	1,600	6,500	79.6	6.3	74.5
Jul-06	31,200	25,200	23,600	1,600	6,100	80.8	6.3	75.6
Jul-05	31,200	24,400	23,100	1,400	6,800	78.2	5.7	74.0
Jul-04	31,000	24,400	22,400	2,000	6,600	78.7	8.2	72.3
Jul-03	30,200	23,300	21,400	1,900	6,900	77.2	8.2	70.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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